of Negros is their inexhaustible hospitality. The land is not divided into small tracts as in other regions. The *haciendas* (plantations) run for miles. On these *haciendas* the wealthy owners live in state. Automobiles (the province has a greater number of automobiles than any other province), diamonds, all the luxuries are demanded as necessities. Under such conditions the feudal lords are lavish in their entertainment.

It is customary for champagne to flow like water. If you want to know Philippine hospitality in its most bountiful form, go to Occidental Negros.

The province has erected a capital building at Bacolod commensurate with its wealth. Not content with this, the province has provided a sumptuous mansion for its Governor. From the capital good roads radiate out to the sugar plantations. The homes of the people are generally well constructed.

Whether in the future we shall celebrate with Occidental Negros in its prosperity, or whether we shall condole with the province in its misery when the sugar

bubble shall have burst, remains for someone wiser to say. But of the future the wealthy *hacenderos* rarely take account. They are content to live and live splendidly in the present.